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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK. ING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL,...5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND,..... 100,000 Dollars.

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INTEREST ALLOWED M Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent, per annum on the daily

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shief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan. JAMES GREIG, this Thief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No, 1, Queen's Road Bast. Hongkong, February 17, 1876.

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TANG BHUI; or, THE RUDIMENTS OF NATURAL SOIENCE IN CHINA. By Dr. E. J. EITEL. One Volume. Svo. Price,

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FOR SALE.

UNDERMENTIONED LAND AND BUILDINGS. AT HONGKONG:-

INLAND LOT 82.—The well-known House and Offices lately occupied by Messrs A. Heard & Co., adjoining the Cathedral Com-

The Ground below the masonry retaining wall of the above, abutting on the Queen's Annual Crown rent, \$890.48.

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No. 6 is situated on the Bund, and comprises an eight-roomed Dwelling House, detached, with Garden all round, Offices, Go. downs, Servants' Quarters and Outhouses. Area 1,084 Taubos of 36 square feet. Annual Ground rent, \$268.79.

No. 27 is separated from No. 6 by Water Street and comprises large Tea Firing and other Godowns, Floss Silk Press, Compradore's Quarters, Stabling and Fire Engine House. Area, 554 Taubos.

Ground rent, \$154.97 per annum. Applications for purchase, or further information, to be made to

J. WHITTALL, T. G. LINSTEAD, Trustees A. Heard & Co.'s Estate. 23, Queen's Road, Hongkong. Hongkong, February 1, 1876.

CAYLE & Co. have opened their first delivery of New ON Current Deposit Account at the rate Goods for the coming Season, to which they invite special atten-

> Ladies' and Children's Readymade Costumes in a variety of Styles.

> Morning Wrappers in Embroidered Linen, Printed, Cambric, White Brilliante and Muslin.

> French Toilet Jackets. Cambric Embroidered Richly

> Skirts. A Large Assortment of Dress

> Materials in all the designs. French Millinery of the latest

fashions. Boys' Holland Suits & Pinafores.

Ladies' Underclothing. Ladies' and Children's Boots ar Shoes.

fresh supply of the "Little Wanzer" Sewing Machines.

Agents for Hongkong.

BAYLE & Co., VICTORIA EXCHANGE, Queen's Road & Stanley Street.

FOR SALE. 200 Casks OLARET from Bondeaux.

LANDSTEIN & Co. Hongkong, March 10, 1876.

OHINESE READER'S MANUAL.

HANDBOOK of Blographical, Historical Mythological and General Iderary Reference,

WILLIAM FREDERICK MAYERS,

Hongkong,...... CHINA MAIL" OFFICE. CHEAPEST DAILY PAPER IN CHINA

WACHING BOOKS. (In English and Chinese.) TATABHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use VV of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office-Price \$1 each. CHINA MAIL Office.

## For Sale.

FOR SALE.

En "OOEANIO." THIS Season's American HAMS and BACON in prime condition. Smoked BALMON: Golden Gate Baker's EXTRA FLOUR

in Barrels and Tins. MACEWEN, FRICKEL & Co. Hongkong, February 19, 1876.

TOUC DE MONTEBELLO CARTE BLANCHE CHAMPAGNE. Quarts, \$15 per case (1 dozen. 5 per cent. discount on 25 cases.

Bourbon WHISKEY. \$12 per case (1 dozen.)

FOR BALL BY HEARD & Co. Hongkong, June 22, 1875.

## Notices of Firms.

NOTICE. Have this day authorized Mr J. Y. V SHAW to sign my name per procura-

A. MAOG. HEATON. Hongkong, January 1, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have entered into Copartnership from the First day of January, 1876, in the Business of Shipprokers at this Port, under the style of MORRIE & RAY.

A. G. MORRIS. E. C. RAY. Bank Buildings,

Hongkong, February 3, 1876.

NOTICE.

TATE have Established branches of our Firm at Halphong and Hanoi. Mr CONSTANTING is authorised to sign by procuration in Tonquin.

LANDSTEIN & Co. Hongkong, December 31, 1875.

# intimations.

STAFFORDSHIRE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, OF HANLEY.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £250,000.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents in Hongkong and Shanghai for the above Company, are prepared to issue Policies of Fire Insurance at current

ADAMSON, BELL & Co. Hongkong, March 24, 1876.

THE MERCHANTS' MARINE INSUR-ANGE COMPANY, LIMITED,

OF LONDON. SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £500,000.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to issue Policies of Marine insurance at current rates, payable in London, India, Australia, New Zealand, Straits, Mauritius, Java, Manila, China Japan, California, &c., &c.,

ADAMSUN, BELL & Co. Hongkong, March 24, 1876.

Note. - By the Company's Articles of Asso ciation it is provided that, after pay ment to the shareholders of a dividend of 10 per cent. per annum, one fourth of the residue of profits will be rateable divided amongst those Insurers out o whose business profits have been made during the year.

In the Goods of CAPTAIN LAWRENCE Young, Deceased.

against the above Estate are requested to send in Particulars of the same to the Undersigned on or before the 22nd day of And all Persons being Indebted to the

safd Estate are requested to Pay to the Undersigned their several Debts without and Mow Sing Sang Kee shop. STEPHENS & HOLMES,

. Solicitors for the Executors. 2, Club Chambers, Hongkong, February 22, 1676.

IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE REDUC-TION OF THE PRICE OF THE SHANGHAI COURIER AND

CHINA GAZETTE," IT WILL BE THE

and as a large INCREASE OF CIRCULATION MAY BE CONFIDENTLY ANTICIPATED, TH.

> ADVANTAGE TO ADVERTISERS IS OBVIOUS.

Intimations.

ON THURSDAY, the 23rd Instant, a Liver and White Stiffolk SPANIEL, answers to the name of "SAMBO." Who- sell by Public Auction at No. 15, ever will bring the same to the Office of Staunton Street, on DOUGLAS LAPRAIR & Co., will be suitably Rewarded.

Hongkong, March 24, 1876.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED. NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

IVIDEND Warrants for the Dividend to Dec. 31/75, at the rate of \$10 per Share, can be obtained at the Office on or after 29th February.

> By Order, D. GILLIES. Secretary. No. 2, Club Chambers,

> > NOTICE.

Hongkong, February 29, 1876.

THE Undersigned beg respectfully to inform the Public that they have Established themselves as BUTCHERS AND GENERAL

COMPRADORES, At No. 1, Graham Street, And are prepare to Supply Fresh and Salt PROVISIONS and STORES; also, WINES, SPI-RITS and ALES of every description.

MATHEW & Co. Hongkong, March 25, 1876.

KRUPP'S CAST STEEL WORKS Masen (Germany.) Solo Agent for Ohina,

F. PEIL, SHANGRAL COLOGKI (Germany.)

LL Persons having any CLAIMS against the Estate of the late A MARCUS DALY, and all Persons indebted to the same, are requested to communicate immediately with the Undersigned.

H. LOWCOCK, Executor. Hongkong, March 21, 1876.

COAL DEPOT. OALS of every description supplied to Steamers by the Undersigned. Orders may be left at the Godowns,

Wanchi, with Mr J. MACLEHOSE, OF LEONG AH YON, KWONGHING, Praya. LANDSTEIN & Co.

Hongkong, November 1, 1875.

PILOTAGE. TESSELS inward bound can secure Pilots from Reef Island, from this date. Outward bound Vessels can secure FIRST OLASS PILOTS by applying to the Undersigned at Prays Central, No. 29. The Pilot-boat's Flag is No. 5 at the

main-mast. H. F. STUART.

Hongkong, April 5, 1875.

THE HONGKONG CHINESE MAIL THE Circulation of THIS PAPER has been very much extended. The following are some of its Agents:-

Macao, -Man Chuen Shop. Canton. -Sing Chuen Native Post Office, Luen Hing Street; Chul Heung Low Hotel, Luen Hing Street; Kwong Tin Fat Shop, Yan Tsai Street; Mr Sit Chuen Fan, Tung Wen Kwan; Yuen Fong Shop, in front of the Provincial Treasurer's Yamen; How Yuen. Shop, Small Market Street, New City; Yes Cheung Photograph Shop, Honam; Kwai dispatch for the following Ports. Houng Shop, Sin Choong, Honam.

Swatow, -Sui Cheong Hong; Woh Shun The British Barque Loong Hong Amoy. Chin Cheong Hong, Mook Kek

Boochow, -Mr Yu Ching Cheong, Foo-A LL Persons having any CLAIMS chow Arsenal; Mr Lum Kwok Ching, Maritime Customs, And a service of the s Shanghai,-Mr Ng Ching Bhun, Marltime Customs; Mr Ho Yue Chuen, Maritime Customs; Mr Chun Sing Hoi, Messre Jardine, Matheson & Co.; Mr Kwong Chuen Fook, Educational Mission School;

> Ningpo. -Mr Bung Min Chee, Maritime Customs. Hankow,-Yee Hing Hong.

> Ohefoo. - Yee Shun Hong. Japan.-Mr Leong Chun Tong, Municipal Office, Yokohama Saigon,-Wohang Hong.

> Singapore. Ting Kee Hong; Kwong Fook Sang Hong. Perlang,-Yow Wing Forig Argue Office. Calcutta .-- Mow Sing Company.

San Francisco. - Hwong Fooing Tal Hong. The above are some of the Agencies; others will be published, when they are arranged for. Negociations are in progress with the express couriers who earry the official despatches and Poking Gasettes, to circulate the Chinese Mail in the Interior of

Hongroug, March 10, 1874.

Auctions.

FURNITURE SALE.

ANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will

TUESDAY,

the 28th March, 1876, at 2 o'clock p.m.,-Sundry Household FURNITURE, the property of a Gentleman changing his Residence, comprising .- Chairs, Couches, Electro-plated Ware, Glass and Crockery Ware, Lamps, Books, Marbletop Side Tables, Marble-top Washstands, Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Mirrors, Pictures.

Sundry Fire Arms, &c., &c. TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before deliver in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1. All lots, with all faults and errors description, at Purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

Shipping.

Hongkong, March 22, 1876.

Steamers.

FOR AMOY. The Steamship. "ESMERALDA," Captain THEBAUD, will be despatched for the above Port on TUESDAY, the 28th Instant, at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to A. MAUG. HEATON. Hongkong, March 28, 1876.

FOR COOKTOWN, TOWNSVILLE, BRIBBANE AND SYDNEY. The Steamer TO "CHEVIOT."

Captain Warr, will be deapatched as above on or about the 30th Instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to

LANDSTEIN & Co. Hongkong, March 20, 1876. FOR COOKTOWN AND SYDNEY.

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "NO .. MANBY" will be despatched as above on or about the 1st Proximo.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 24, 1876. FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The Steamship

Capt. Jones, will be despatch-"OUANGSE," ed as above on WEDNES DAY, the 12th Proximo, at 2 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, March 21, 1876.

Sailing Vessels. FOR YLOILO VIA MANILA. The Spanish Schooner MERICAECHEVARIA, Master, will

have quick despatch for the above Ports. For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, March 17, 1876.

NOTICE. The Undermentioned Vessels Ptheir Cargo and Passengers engaged, will have immediate FOR VICTORIA, V.'s I.

"FORWARD,"

Captain John Strackan. The British Ship "ANNIE GRAY," Captain ROBERT MOBE. FOR PORTLAND, OREGON. The American Barque "GARIBALDI," Captain C. M. Noves.

The American Bark " EDWARD JAMES." Captain Thos. J. Forbes. FOR HONOLULU, B. I. AND SAN FRANCISCO. The American Bark

Captain Atlan Noves. For Freight or Passage, apply to ROZARIO & Co. Hongkong, March 28, 1876.

"ALDEN BESSE."

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A 1 British Ship "SHALIMAR. WALKER, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick dispatch. For Breight, apply to

RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, March 4, 1876.

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A 1 American Ship "NIGHTINGALE," PALMER, Master, will lot & here for the above Port, and wil

have quick dispatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 4, 1876. FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A 1 American Ship CUTLER, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will

havê quick dispatch. For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, March 9, 1878.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A 1 British Clipper Ship "SYDENHAM," FRANK BRISTOW, Master, Will load for the above Port, and

will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

Hongkong, March 4, 1876. FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A.1 American Ship "LATHLEY RIOH. RAY T. LEWIS, Master, will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

For Freight, apply to YOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, February 1, 1876. FOR PORTLAND (OREGON.)

The A-1 American Ship

SAMUEL G. REED,"
WHITE, Master, will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, February 1, 1876. FOR NEW YORK The A-1 American Ship WILKINSON, Meater, will load

here and at Whampos, and will have quick despatch as above. For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, February 1, 1876.

FOR HAMBURG. The A 1 German Barque "NICOLINE." ▶313 Tons Register, Captain AHLMANN, will load here and

as above. For Freight, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,

Hongkong, February 23, 1876.

at Whampon, and will have quick despatch

notices to Consignees.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

MONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer Nestor, are hereby, notified that the having the greater portion of Cargo is being discharged and landed at the Godowns of the Undersigned, in both cases it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after the 22nd March.

1876, will be subject to rent.

Goods undelivered after 29th March,

Agents.

Hongkong, March 20, 1876. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE

MARITIMES. S. S. IRAOUADDY. 1

NOTICE. MONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. "Gange," from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained from Monday, the 27th Instant,

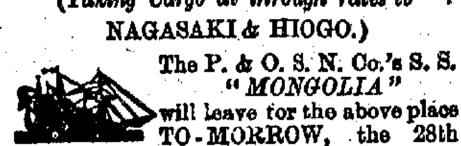
at 10 a.m. Optional Cargo will be forwarded on. unless intimation is received from the Consigness, before Noon To-morrow, requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Understaned. Goods remaining unclaimed after Fat-

DAY, the Sist Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges. No Fire Insurance has been effected. G. DE CHAMPEAUX.

Acting Agent, Hongkong, March 24, 1878.

### To-day's Advertisements.

STRAM TO SHANGHAI. (Taking Cargo at through rates to NAGASAKI & HIOGO.)



Instant, at Daylight. A. McIVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, March 27, 1876.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW. The Steamship "KWANGTUNG," Capt. F. Ashron, will be de- French and Lutkens, and 164 Chinese. apatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 20th Instant, at

Daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, March 27, 1876.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY. FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL

The Company's Steamship "PATROCLUS" will be despatched on or about the 7th April. For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, March 27, 1876.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Ship "OHARTER OAK," SMITH, Master, will load here and at Whampon, and wil

have quick despatch as above. For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, March 27, 1876.

FOR SAN FRANCISĆO.

The A 1 British Ship "MARGARITE," Tames Owen, Master, will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, March 27, 1876.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

guick despatch

The A 1 American Bark "JONATHAN CHASE," CURTIS, Master, will load for the above Port, and will have

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, March 27, 1876.

S. S. ESMERALDA, FROM. MANILA.

MONSIGNEES of Cargo per above Steamer are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Undersigned whence delivery may be obtained. Goods remaining in store after the 81st Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. A. MACG. HEATON,

Hongkong, March 27, 1876.

FROM GLASGOW, LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

FIGHE S. S. Candia having arrived from the above Ports. Consigness of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by the Undersigned, at their Godowns, whence and from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 3rd Proximo will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

Agents S. S. Candia. Hongkong, March 27, 1876.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public

#### Auction, on THURSDAY,

the 30th Instant, at 2 p.m.,-STOCK-IN-TRADE, GOOD-WILL, FURNITURE & FIXTURES of the well-known public house called "BRITISH HOTEL," Queen's Road.

The Furniture will be sold in lots. TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7. J. M. GUEDES, Jr., Austioneer.

Hongkong, March 27, 1876. mc30

# SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

March 26. China, from Canton. March 26, Pallas, German barque, 421, D. Ballehr, Foochow Mar. 22, Ballast. -Siemssen & Co.

March 26, Mongolia, Brit. steamer, 1584, A. Coleman, Bombay Mar. 7, Galle 12 Penang 17, and Singapore 20, Mails and General.-P. & O. S. N. Co. March 20, Montego, British barque, 816,

Jas, Griffiths, Bangkok Jan. 11, Rice and Teakwood,-EDUARD SCHELLHASS & Co. March 27, Candia, British steamer, 1842, Thompson, Glasgow Jan. 15, London Feb. 7, via ports of call, and Singapore Mar. 22, General. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. Mar. 27, Esmeralda, British steamer, 895, Il. Theband, Manila Mar. 24, General. A. MADG. HEATON.

DEPARTURES. Mar. 26, Yesso, for Swatow, &c. 26, Tanais, for Yokohama. 26. Chen-jui, for a cruise. 27. Wodan, for Salgon, 27. Naworth Castle, for Keslung, 27, China, for Shangkal. 27, Sunda, for Tokohanda, 17. Gunga, for Manilar

OLEARED. Asia, for Salgoth Irens, for Whampos, Riga, for Saigon. Norna, for Halphona. Harmann, for Sianila. Bemeraldy, for Amoy,

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED. - Per Mongolia, for Hongkong: from Southampton, Assist. Compt. Horan, Sergeant Major Merritt, Sergt. Thompson, Lieut. G. T. Mann, Comdr. Douglas, R. N., Mesers Rustonies and W. Smith; from Venice, Baron de Lodan, and Mr. A. Klefcher; from Bombay, Col. Wilkinson; from Penang, Lieut. Rich and servant, and 20 Ohinese; from Singapore, Mr Middleton, and 73 Chinese. For Shanghai: from Southampton, Mrs Stevens; from Venice, Mr Sayle; from Brindist, Mr P. O. Evans from Suez, Mr and Mrs Tatarinoff, two children and nurse. For Yokohama: from Southampton, Hon. C. Cole and Dr.

Per Esmeralda, from Manila, Mr and Mrs G. Buchapan, Mrs Lutz, Messrs Grant,

Per Candia, 135 Chinese. DEPARTED.—Per Yesso, for Swatow, Mr Jeramiatzore; for Amoy, Mr and Mrs A. Nunes; for Foochow, Mr Blackmore. Per Sunda, for Yokohama. The Marquis of Kildare, Hon. A. Cole, Dr Willis, Captains

mc29 Saunders, and Alderton, Mr Harn, Mr Acheong, and one deck. Per Gunga, for Manila, Mr N. A. Paterns and family, 2 European deck and 525

To DEPART.—Per Asia, 40 Chinese. Per Norna, 10 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS. The German bark Pallas reports; on the 24th and 25th experienced heavy thunderstorms and very boisterous weather, latterly

moderate weather. The British barque Montego reports: THUBSDAY, April 6:variable winds from Gilolo to Pulo Island, thence to port strong monsoon. The British steamer Esmeralda reports:

fine weather and light Southerly winds The British steamer Candia reports: generally fine weather throughout the passage.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATINOS. MAILS WILL GLOSE :-

For AMOY.-Per ESMERALDA, at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, the 28th Inst.

For SINGAPORE AND PENANG .-Per FLAMINGO, at 1.30 p.m. on FRIDAY, June 30:-Tuesday, the 28th Instant. For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.-

Per KWANGTUNG, at 5 p.m. Tomorrow, the 28th Inst. For MANILA.-Per Ship HERMANN, at 11.30 a.m. on

Thursday, the 80th Inst. For BANGKOK .-Per RAJANATTIANUHAR, at 2.80

p.m. on Monday, the 3rd lnst. For HONOLULU. Per Barque COLOMBO, at 8.80 p.m. on Tuesday, the 4th April.

For YOKOHAMA & SAN FRANCISCO.-Per QUANGSE, at 1.30 p.m. on Wednesday, the 12th April.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.-The English Contract Packet TEBERAN will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, dro., on THURSDAY, the

30th Instant. The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, do :--

Wednesday, 20th Instant. 5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. 6 P.M., Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night. Thursday, 30th Instant.

A.M., Post Office opens for of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases. 10.15 A.M., Letters may be posted on payment of a LATE FEE of 18 cents extra Postage until

A.M., when the Post Office Closes

Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom Via Brindisi or to Singapore may be posted on board the Packet on payment of Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage. 11.50 A.M., Posting on Board ceases. ALFRED LISTER, Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, March 16, 1876.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET. The United States Mail Packet BELGIC will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 1st April, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows ;---Registry of Letters ceases.

Post-Office closes. 2.30 P.M. Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 12 cents extra Postage

2.50 P.M. when the Mail is finally closed. Correspondence must be specially directed for this route, and if not fully prepaid will be sent by British Packet.

Letters, &c. can be posted for Canada, the West Indies, and other places named below, if sufficient American stamps are added to prepay them from San Francisco to destination. American

Stamps are sold at this Office. ALFRED LISTER, Postmaster General.

General Post Office. Hongkong, March 20, 1876.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET .-The French Contract Packet HOOGHLY. the 6th April, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom via Marseilles; to Europe, Saigon, Sin-Galle, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexan-

the Maile, do ;-Wednesday, 5th April .-5 P.M., Money Order Office closes.

Office closes except the Nicht Box, which remains open all night. Thursday, 6th April. 7 Am., Post Office opens for sale

Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence. 10 A.M., Registry of Letters coades. 11 A.M. Post Office closes except for Late (11.10 A.M., Letters (but Letters only)

addressed to the United Kingdom or to Singapore may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage; tintil 11.30 A.M., when the Post Office Chuses

entirely. ALFRED LISTER Portmaster General

Horseyns, March 83, 1670.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, March 29:-Daylight.—Kwangtung leaves for Swatow, Amoy and Foochow, date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, March 30:--/ Noon.-English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe 2 p.m.—Sale of Stock-in-trade, Good Will, Furniture, &c., of the "British Cheviot leaves for Cooktown, Townsville,

FRIDAY, March 31:-Noon. -General Weekly Sale by Messre Lane, Crawford & Co. Goods per Iraouaddy undelivered after

Brisbane and Sydney on or about this

Noon, subject to rent and landing Goods per Esmeralda undelivered afte this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, April 1:-3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer Belgio leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco. 9 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

Normanby leaves for Cooktown and Sydney on or about this date. Warrants against unclaimed Dividends, Bonus or Interests on Victoria Fire Insurance Co., to be presented before this date.

Monday, April 3:--Goods per Candia undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe. FRIDAY, April 7:-Patroclus leaves for London on or about

this date. Wednesday, April 12:-2 p. m. — Quanges leaves for San Francisco.

SATURDAY, April 15:-8 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

SATURDAY, April 22:-Claims against the Estate of Captain Lawrence Young, deceased, must be sent in on or before this date.

Claims against the Estate of Diederich Heimsoht, Querino Antonio Gutierrez, Martin Carroll, Dora Howard, and Henry Roberts, deceased, must be proved on or before this date. MONDAY, July 31:-

Claims against the Estates of Gustav Töbler, Edward Parker, Edward Richard Sandley, Kwong Tham, Lam Kok Cheong, Lee Ah Yon, Leung Sew Fan, Man Chan, and a Chinaman, name unknown, No. 11, deceased, must be proved on or before this date.

#### MEMOS, FOR TO-MORROW Shipping.

Daylight .- Mongolia leaves for Shanghai. 10 a.m.—Esmeralda leaves for Amoy. Edmond Gressier leaves for Takao (direct) on this date.

Auctions. 2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, at

No. 15. Staunton Street. TO ADVERTISERS.

It is requested that all advertisements be

sent, when practicable, by 4 p.m., to allow of

The publication of this issue commenced

On the 1st February, at 3, Holles-street, Cavendish-square, the Wife of L. Vrard.

merchant, of Shanghai and Ffentsin, China,

# THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 27, 1876.

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL'S

REPORT FOR 1875.

Should the Postmaster-General of Hong. kong desire, at any future time, to change his occupation, we should advise him to take to the production of light literature as a profession. The mind which can make an official report on postal affairs light and entertaining reading matter for the public is surely capable of some achievements in the field in which Charles Dickens ought with so much success. So uninteresting and heavy are official reports in a general way that few, beyond interested persons, even take the trouble to wade through them, and thus they lose more than half their value. But this report from our worthy Postmaster General. published in the Government Gazette on Saturday, is so full of interesting information, told in an airy pleasant manner that even the ladies in the Colony will read it. There is only one fault in the report, that we can see, and that is, it is rather too minute, some unimportant matters, that could well have been left because if important matters are surrounded by unimportant ones, the former are apt to get passed over, or not attract the attention they deserve, and it is for this reason that we shall simply give the The following will be the hours of closing gist of some portions of the report. Spreading over some ten pages of the Gazette, the report everywhere bears traces of having been compiled with the great care and painstaking for which Mr Lister is noted, and, if the Government Gazetts were frequently favoured with such contributions, that venerable publidation would become to be looked upon with some interest, and would take its place among the instructive and entertaining literature of the Colony. In commenting his report Mr Lister pays a tribute to the "ability, energy

and success" with which Mr F. W Mitchell discharged the duties of Postmaster General during a period of thirteen years; and then, passing on, publicly thanks Messia U. Basecon & Co., Butterfield an I Swire, Gibb Livingston At Co., Douglas Lapraik & Co., Biguston

Co., Mr E. L. Woodin, the Captain Superintendent of Police, Consul Medharst and His Excellency Sir Harry Parkes, Goods per Nestor undelivered after this for services rendered in various ways to the Office.

> branches of the postal business show a slight increase in comparison with 1874, and that indications of other kinds are not wanting that trade has revived during the last year. The gross revenue of the Department, however, is less than that for 1874 by £400, for the reason, among others, that many matters of detail have been arranged during the year on a footing of greater efficiency but also to in- over again. volve greater expense. The low rates of exchange prevailing have also told against the revenue. While dealing with praik & Oo., which, though enjoying the subjects of revenue and expenditure | none of the benefits of a subsidy, have might we suggest to Mr. Lister the ad- arrived here almost with the reguvantage of publishing among the returns a general debit and credit statement. ward mail having been missed on one His remarks as to how the revenue has loccasion only. A great improvement fallen off while the business has increased has been effected in the service to would be all the clearer if this were Canton by means of Messrs Siemssen done, and it would not be amiss were the | & Co.'s steamers :-imperial and local shares of the revenue also noted. The revenue of the Department arrived here just after the Canton boat had was at its highest in 1872, and the next left, especially on a Saturday or Sunday, best year was 1865. To illustrate the and in the former case the letters would lie fluctuations in the revenue during the in this office forty-eight hours. Messrs. past thirteen years, Mr Lister then favours us in the report with a diagram notice of the departures for Canton, and thus, especially through the summer, it has which certainly sets these fluctuations before one in a clear and striking manner. The report then goes on to state that it can scarcely be doubted that the present year will be marked by a further, and perhaps a considerable decrease The great simplification of revenue. postal rates to the Continent, lately effeeted, have out down the profit left to this Colony on the collection and forwarding of Continental correspondence

to a very small percentage. The report expresses a hope, which every one in this Colony will be inclined to re-iterate, that ere long something like a uniform European rate of postage by all routes will be established :---

During the past year the Postal Treaty of Berne came into force almost throughout Europe, and the London Office suggested to the various Colonies a revision of the Continental rates vià Brindisi. The Italian Post Office was willing to modify its transit tariff, if the Colonies would adopt a different system of making up the mails, and woul reduce their local charges. The matter wa put clearly before the Executive of this Colony, and, whilst the change was strongly recommended, it was plainly stated that the loss to this Department would be considerable The proposal was approved, and, in arrange ing the new rates, simplicity and liberali were more considered than the profits of the The result was a uniform nine penny tariff to nearly the whole of the Continent, and whereas a Registered Letter to Russia, weighing two ounces, would lately have been charged 15s. 4d., such a letter can now be sent for 3s. 6d. A nine-penny (quarter ounce) tariff has since come into force for postage to the Continent by French Packet. The rates to the United Kingdom have not been lowered, and thus the effect of the changes noted above has been to evoke a loud and unanimous expression of disappointment from the foreign communities in . . . The subject is however, surrounded with difficulties with which this Office is in nowise in a position to deal. One reduction alone was within the immediate control of the Hongkong Government, namely the local and Indian rates by French Packet, and these have been reduced as much as is compatible with the avoidance

and this Department has been consideration during the year, and, though not yet completed, will probably soon come into force. The reduced rates of postage fixed by this Convention have been already adopted by this Office in anticipation. The Post Office Ordinance 1862, being very much out of date, suggestions for a new one have been submitted, and it is to be hoped that such of them as may approved will form the basis of amended Act. It is proposed in this

office, to make it more flexible

of-absolute-loss,-the-Golony-surrendering

three-sevenths of the postage collected.

susceptible of easy modification, especially in matters of detail, to reduce the almost prohibitive rates of coast postage, and to establish a penny tariff between this Colony, Canton, and Macao. The Postmaster General points out that the people in Hongkong, while they complain of the heavy rates of postage, do not make the most of the privileges they possesses. The amount of overstamping observable on the morning of an English mail is something startling. Some persons imagine that the rate to England is still 32 cents | Others post cents each, but which weighing less than an ounce, would pass for four cents. Others put up circulars in bundles, which of paying the whole at so much per four

ounces. Merchants please note! After remarking that the packets of the Occidental and Oriental Steamship Company have been recognised as United States Contract Mail boats, and that the Chinese who were expected to avail themselves of the privilege of registering correspondence by this route have not done so to the extent that was anticipated, the Postmaster makes the following valuable suggestions in regard to the use of the spring balance for weighing letters that has been placed in the front verandah at the Post Office

It should be Borne in mind, however, that a spring balance is not capable of much nicety, and persons who like to load their letters to the very last square inch of paper should have them weighted by the shroff. Many letters are sent on charged with a fine in consequence of this attempt to go as close Fr. Packets, Homeward. 414 days. 39 days. to half an ounce as possible. They perhaps get slightly damp on their way to the postoffice, and the triffing increase of weight surns the nects. A letter on overland paper will, in a few minutes, imbibe enough moisture

& Co., The China Submarine Telegraph | from newly printed newspapers, amongst | an apology for its prolixity in the shelf which it may happen to lie in the letter box, of the words of "the great founder of he to make it overweight, if it were very nearly

The postal service between this Colony and Hiogo has been conducted under It is satisfactory to read that most great difficulties; and has needed incessant watching :-THE Community are much indebted to

"It must be admitted that on one occasion opportunity was not taken by the Yokohama Office to do the best for Hiogo, but the slip did not deserve the intemperate language of Hiogo paper, nor will it recur. Just, however, as the service seemed to be gaining permanency, the transfer of the Pacific Mail Branch Steamers to the Mitsu Bishi Company upset everything, and all had to be begun

The Coast Ports have been well served by the steamers of Messrs Douglas Lalarity of contract packets, the home-

It would frequently happen that the mail Siemssen & Co. kindly consented to give repeatedly been possible to forward both the English and American mails to that port much earlier than could otherwise have been done. There is no legal obligation to give notice of clearance for Canton or Macao, but such notice (however short) is always valuable to this department, and generally beneficial to the community. By every mail more or less papers,

books, and patterns are received entirely without covers, the latter having been wholly destroyed by friction in the bags. Persons who regularly forward such articles should be requested to use stout wrappers. On one occasion two whole sacksful consisted of a reriodical called the Christian, which was being sent gratis to every Missionary in the world during three months. But the extreme flimsiness of the wrapper defeated the liberal intentions of the donor; very few of the numbers could be sent on, and most of them were left here unclaimed. Measures have been adopted to ensure the delivery of as many such books and periodicals as possible. Every fragment of a cover on which an address can be made out is sent to that address with circular asking the addressee what he expected to receive, and in this way, and by advertising, some books and papers have been delivered :---

The loss of a letter for London led to an enquiry as to whether or not it had been posted, and it was found that many letters were sent to the Post Office without receipt or chit book, in boxes which could not be called sealed, although, in several cases, Heads of Houses where this was the practice were not aware of it. There has been a great improvement, but even now many of boxes are so sealed that the seal can pulled off unbroken and stuck on again The safest plan is to seal on the box itself, fresh seal is applied.

It is often asked, "is there any real | beef." advantage in Registration?" in a tone | While writing on this question, we which implies that the questioner desires have received the following suggestive what he deems a stereotyped official Canton:-

Convention between the Batavian Post Office It may not be amiss briefly to describe the general features of the Registration system. The Officer who registers a letter gives a receipt for it, thus there is no question but that it was posted, or as to who took it in That Officer (who, in case of the loss of the receipt, is sufficiently pointed out by the Counterfoil which he has filled up) is now responsible for the letter, unless he can show how it was disposed of. He places it in a safe till the mail is being made up. The addresses of all the letters registered for that mail are then entered on a list. a copy of which, for record, is simultaneously taken by means of a manifold writer. The total Ordinance to bring the law into conforentries must agree with the number of letters mity with the existing practice of this and the number of counterfoil receipts. The etters, with a copy of the list, are then placed in a scaled bag- or packet, which is not opened until it reaches the office of destination. Thus there can be no doubt that

all the Registered Letters were despatched The officer who opens the mail makes it his first business to look for the bag of registered letters, the total number of which he finds also entered on the general Letter Bill He counts them, ticks the total if correct, and hands them, with the list, to a colleague whose duty it is to prepare the receipts for signature by the addresses. Each receipt has its counterfoil, and, as each is attached to the letter to which it relates, the address is mutked off on the original list. An entry is then made of the name of the carrier who hundreds of trade circulars prepaid six will deliver the letter, and who is responsible for it until the transaction is concluded by his bringing back the addressee's receipt. special acknowledgment is sent to the des-

The following are the best passages of the year, counting to and from London!-

Outward, Maliba, arrived July 29thi..... 85 days. Outward, (French Packets) Ava, arrived June 12th; Anadyr, arrived September 4th..... 87 days.

Homeward, (British) Kashgar, 1sft March 4th and November 11th; Sunda, March 18th..... 65 days. To San Francisco, Oceanic, left June Sthirming the days. From Ban Francisco, Ocednio, arri-

Tables B and C also afford the following

average as to the time allowed the Contract

Packets to and from London, and the time socually occupied by them --AVERAGE AVERAGE VOYAGE VOYAGE TAREN. ALLOWED. their recent treaty.

Br. Packete, Outward ... 40 days. 391 days. r. Packets, Outward ...414 days, 41 days,

penny post"- some pains should be taken to make the main features of the post office system intelligible.

Mr Granville Sharp for his action in the recent case of diseased meat, which resulted in the imposition of a welldeserved fine of \$200 upon the offending cattle-man. In a letter, which we published on Saturday, Mr Sharp made some very sensible remarks on the present unsatisfactory state of things. One of the great difficulties, he aptly ob served, is the "intangibility of the enemy." On the present occasion the tangibility of the enemy was fortunately sufficiently demonstrated, and Mr Sharp almost literally took the bull by the But the question naturally arises, Where would the test have been applied, had Mr Sharp's commendable persistence not been present to save the Colony from probable sickness? It seems to us that it is of the intangibility or rather entire absence of the test itself that the community has to complain. There must have been something adrift in the system under which our beeves and butcher-meat are examined, or allowed to be prepared without examination, before an astute Chinaman would have taken the trouble to lug a half-dead animal to a place where he would have risked a fine of \$200 had things been done decently and in order. We are not aware of the actual means adopted to prevent the preparation of questionable meat; and it is a question whether any European official other than the Inspector of Markets is thoroughly conversant with the real barriers or tests set up to protect as from diseased food. The subject is not a pleasant one, and its details do not possess the attractions furnished by most kinds of official duties. It is even doubtful whether the Inspector himself inspects any of the animals before they are slaughtered. The defence of the prisoner in the present case implied that the killing was a matter that could be easily arranged; and that being so, it would be interesting to the public to know whose duty it is to make such an arrangement, and how it is done. It is marvellous to think of the amount of dependance we place in Chinese subordinates, even when our most vital interests are involyed; and it would not be surprising to learn that the real test of the soundness of our butcher-meat is committed to a native whose salary is considered sadly inadequate by its recipient.

There are many other considerations in connection with this subject to which we have previously drawn attention. The smaller cattle which meet our table requirements are not tended and housed as they ought to be, and the result is that very bad meat, as well as the good article supplied to the Hon. C. May, is too frequently seen in the Central and other markets. It is most earnestly to be hoped that the Government will take without tape or string, and to make the early and effective action in this matter: Chinese servants remove the old wax before as the health of most Englishmen undoubtedly depends on wholesome "roast

candid private opinion, rather than note from a well-known authority in

To the Editor of the CHINA MAIL. Sir,—I am informed by the man who supplies us with milk that the cattle disease has attacked several of his milch cows. He says that those affected by the disease do not give milk, but would it not be well for those who use beef to have an eye in some way on the animals that are slaughtered?

J. G. K. Canton, 27th March, 1876.

#### THE SPIRIT OF THE MORNING PRESS.

SPEAKING of the telegram it had received stating that the German Minister had the nounced the German Treaty with China, the Press says :- The most natural inference to be drawn from it is that the negotiations on the Anna affair have not proceeded satisfactorily, and that trouble will follow. Whether the renunciation of the Treaty is owing to a belief in its being inadequate to protect German life and property in China, and that a new treaty is in course of inception, or whether it is preliminary to a declaration of war, we are unable to say. Some days since we published telegrams taken from American papers stating that the Governments of England, Russia, and the United States had promised to support whatever step the they prepay at so much per copy, instead that all the Registered Letters were received. take in connection with the case of the Anna. A good deal of mystery appears to be connected with the German demands on China, which we can only suppose it has not seemed advisable to the official mind should at present be cleared up. As the London and China Express remarks, there is evidently "something behind," though what that something is it is impossible to do more than conjecture.

> THE HONGKONG NATIVE PRESS. The Chinese Mail gives a report of the meeting of the Chinese Insurance Company, limited. It also gives the rumoured details of the negociations between the Japanese Ambassadors and the Corean officials in

The Chang Ngot San Po speculates that the renouncement of the treaty by the Packets, Homeward, 421 days, 411 days, German Minister at Poking has connection Mr Lister concludes his report with with the Anna affelt. It comments on the

and on the abolition of torture in China. The Universal Circulating Herald inserts a paragraph urging on people to subscribe whom he served throughout a portion of money to aid the City Hall Museum.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE American Mail ateamer Belgic, came round from Aberdeen this afternoon.

THE Eastern Extension Co.'s Cable is again interrupted between Penang and Madras.

WE note that the Mongolia takes on the French Mail, in addition to her own, to Shanghai.

THE Chinese Revenue Cruiser An Lan. Captain J. Godsil, arrived here yesterday, about 9 a.m., and left again about an hour

China and Japan on the 18th February, were: -- Yokohama January 4, Shanghai 7, Foochow 9, Hongkong 13, Manila 6, Singapore 21, Galle 27.

during the past week, as recorded in Saturday's Gazette, was 66.0, the minimum 52.0; at the Barbour-Master's Office, Praya West, the maximum was 71.5, the minimum 59.0. 2.67 inches rain fell during the week.

A Canton Carrespondent, under date of 26th instant, writes that Sir Brooke Robert- introduced. The sum of £10 will be paid son had left per H. M. S. Egeria, with a full staff, for Klungchow, to establish the Consulate effectively-leaving Dr H. F. Hance in charge of the Consulate at Canton.

A DARING burglary, accompanied with serious wounding, occurred yesterday at Tookwa-wan, British Kowloon. A man was shot in the stomach and is now lying in a precarious state. No arrests have been made, and pending police enquiries \* It would be unwise to give particulars.

Ar the Marine Court to-day Johann Christian Müller and Christian Frederick Lemke firemen belonging to the German steamer Altona, were charged by the Chief Engineer with drunkenness and disorderly conduct. They admitted the charge of drunkenness and were fined \$100 each or two days' imprisonment.

A BOAT belonging to one of the Russian men-of-war in harbour was capsized a few days ago near Green Island during a heavy ture or destruction of twenty-seven junks. equall, and all the occupants of the boat were rescued by a Chinese stone junk, of Escape Creek, where, with eight others, except one who was drowned. We now · learn that the body has been recovered. The junk master acted very creditably, and deserves some tangible recognition of his gervices.

THE American House of Representatives has passed the "Consular and Diplomatic ing nineteen guns, and in the brilliant Appropriation Bill." By this measure the operations which terminated in the capture Balaries of the chief officials in the Far East are fixed as follows :-- Minister to China and Japan each \$10,000, Secretary of Legation in China \$4,000, Consuls-General at Shanghai \$4.500, and at Yokohama We have already shown that the United States have missed a favourable opportunity of raising the state of these Bervices.

THE following telegrams were published in the Daily Press of this morning :-

Shanghai March 24 -The German Minister has renounced the German Treaty with China.

The Tsung-li Yamen has instructed the Authorities at Shanghai to allow the Woosung Railway to proceed unmolested. London, March 24.-The Queen's Title

Bill has been read for the third time. In a long maintained debate. Mr Disraeli dwelt upon the political reasons for the stap. especially the advance of Russia towards the Indian frontier and the conquest of Tartary. It is well known that in India the title of Empress-would be regarded as an unmistakeable sign of our resolution to maintain the Empire. Mr Lowe and Mr Fawcett strongly censured the allusion to the designs of Russia as incautious and

Major-General Colborne has been gazetted Knight Commander of the Bath, and Captain Buller Companion of the Bath.

(London and China Express.) As soon as the Second Chamber assembles the members will deal with the new Sugar Convention. You will remember that the section-report upon the Bill was most unfavourable, but I think it very improbable that the Convention will be rejected, the

more so since it has been carried by the Belgian Parliament. The Reinforcement of the China Feet taken in connection with the telegram from Berlin, which makes such a fussy declaration as to the policy and intentions of the Treaty Powers with respect to the case of the Anna, it is evident that there is something behind which the official world desire to disguise, if by any means that can be done. There is "something behind," we feel quite sure, but what that "something" beginning of February, is we can only conjecture. This is just one of those cases where the Government have

own official agents. Rear-Admiral John Bourmaster Dickson, O.B., died on the 11th instant, aged sixty years. He was fifth son of Rear-Admiral Bir Archibald Collingwood Dickson, and brother of the late Sir William Dickson. Collingwood Dickson, and was helt pro- Feb. last. Preparations are being made for

objects in view which it might possibly be

very wrong to make public at present, and

which are founded on timely and secret

examination in 1834, and obtained a lieu- in the campaign. tenancy in October, 1839, in the Melville, 72, Capt. Hon. Richard S. Dundas, under the war in China, and was at the capture of the forts of the Bocca Tigris and operations against Canton, and at the taking of Chusan in 1841.

Vice-Admiral Louis S. Tindal (Retired List) died on the 4th inst., at Brighton, in | Paris, Copa de Velocidad; Avion, La Copa his 63rd year. This officer entered the de les Novates; Tan-Pengco, La Copa inter-Navy in Feb. 1825, and obtained his first | nacional; Pandan, La Copa de Manila; commission in Dec. 1832. After serving Negrito, La Copa de Filipinas. under Capt. Hon. H. Rous in the Pique, and in the Vestal Capt. W. Jones, he was appointed to the Calliope, in which latter litana; Pandan, La Copa Disputada; Estudiship, as lieutenant, he took part in the ante, La Copa de los Socios; Negrito, El possessions, and such a want had already attack upon Chuenpee, at the taking of the | premie de la Pampanga. Bogue forts, at the storming of the enemy's works close to Whampos Reach, and at the rasteras; Avion, La Copa de Luzon; Fritz, capture of the last fort protecting the approaches to Canton, and in the other Prueba; La Mar, El premio del Consuelo. operations against that city. As a reward for his services on that occasion he was on the arrival of the news of the peaceful made a commander.

We learn that Mr Ross Johnson, a member | country. of the Legislative Assembly at Port Elizabeth, who was for some years practising at the Yokohama Bar, is at present in London making arrangements for carrying out a plan of iron 2 inches in diameter, and breaking a being required at times and suggested the after hearing all that might be said upon the Suez Canal Dues to three frances per THE latest Mail advices at Home from of emigration of Chinese labourers to the rope of the same thickness.

Cape. It was stated that he had proceeded to China, but we understand that he intends | fire took place at Manila, which destroyed appointing an agent to carry out the project. | about 10 houses. It is to be hoped that the scheme which has been set on foot will attain the desired end of attracting Chinese labour to the Cape houses, including a church and a convent. Colonies. as there can be no doubt that it THE maximum temperature at the Peak | would be in the highest degree to the advantage both of the Colonies themselves and also of Chinese labourers. The Cape Colonies possess every advantage of climate and of productive capability, but is deficient in the great requisite of labour.

The demand for labour is so great that the Cape Government have passed an Aided Emigration Act, under which they guarantee a sum of £7,000, that is, at the rate of £7 per head for the first thousand Chinese by the parties requiring the emigrants, the estimate for introduction being £17 per head. The list for the first thousand emigrants is nearly filled up at Port Elizabeth alone, while the Government themselves require a great number of

labourers for the continuation of their system of railways. Vice-Admiral Harry E. Edgell, C.B. died on the 4th inst., at Chichester, in his 67th year. This officer entered the Royal Naval College in May 1821, and embarked in 1823 on board the Nimrod. In 1846, he was advanced to post rank, and in 1855 he assisted at the capture of Kinburn. In 1857 he was ordered to China. The reinforcements which the arrival of the Tribune and also of H.M.S. Amethyst enabled the Commander-in-Chief, Sir Michael Seymour, to afford to Comdre. Hon. Chas. G. J. B. Elliot, the senior officer in the Canton river, led to immediate operations against the enemy's junk forces. On May 25 twenty boats, commanded by Capt. Edgell, with two steam tenders and three steam gunboats, the whole under the orders of Comdre. Elliot, entered the Escape Creek, for the purpose of attacking a Mandarin fleet of about forty junks moored across the stream. As the British approached, and their fire took effect, the Chinese got under way. The result of the day's proceedings was the cap-Of the remainder four made their way to a place called Toung-Kouan, at the upper part they were attacked and destroyed on t 27th by fourteen boats under Comdres Elliot and Capt. Edgell, who, having regained the river, had approached them up the Sawshee Channel, on which the Tribune was stationed during the entire operations. On June 1 Gaptain Edgell commanded a division of boats under the commander-inchief in the attack on Fort Seymour, mountand destruction of about seventy heavily armed junks up the Fatshan branch of the Canton River, where, and in the Escape Creek, the loss sustained by the Tribune's boats amounted to two men killed, and one lieutenant (Francis M. Norman) and nine men wounded. Captain Edgell took part in all the subsequent proceedings which took place in the Canton and adjacent waters under Comdres. Keppel and Elliot. During the investment of Canton city by Sir Michael Seymour in Dec. 1857, he was left at Hongkong. where his exertions in forwarding supplies and guarding the colony gained him the warmest thanks and commendation by his Excellency, and of the major-general com-

(Straits Times.)

manding the troops at the scene of action.

Teckmaier, arrived at Singapore on the 14th | be paid. from Swatow with dates to the 7th instant, and is bound for Hamburg via Rangoon.

We are informed that H. E. the Governor has received news from Perak that the Datu Sagor, stated to have been Maharajah Lelah's ally and accomplice in his black orime, has been captured by the efforts of Syed Masahore, and is in safe custody at Bandar We learn this piece of news with much satisfaction. This man was present when the Pangkore Treaty was negotiated, His Excellency said he would propose and if, as it has been stated by Major Dunlop | that \$10 should be the amount for the he has evidence to prove, he was present and encouraged Mr. Brich's murder, his complicity has been doubly treacherous, and it is right that retribution should be both swift

The Sarawakians were very proud of the visit paid to them in the early part of Feb., by Admiral Ryder in H. M. S. Vigilant, accompanied by the Egeria. The Gazette states that the last visit of a British Manof-war to Sarawak was that of the Kestrel in the middle of 1873. The Admiral reached Kuching in his steam-launch, and was received with due honors at the Astana. The Vigilant, and Egeria were supplied with Sadong coal, as also were the Thistie and Lily which also visited Sarawak river in the

# Manila

Our files reach to March 24th, and the information supplied to them through their | following are the principal items of news: Great demonstrations of enthusiasm were made by all classes throughout the Archipelago on the arrival of news from Souloo of the capture of the city. The Spanish flag was hoisted on the principal fort on the 29th

The Diario, commenting upon an article the Sooloo expedition, says one of the Hongkong papers stands alone in its opposition to the Spanish doings at Sooleo.

First day.—Turco, Premio de Santamesa;

Second day.—Carbonero. El premio de Resistencia; Tan-Pengco, La Copa Cosmopo-

Third day .- Tan-Pengco, La Copa de Great demonstrations have been also shown termination of the civil war in the mother | go had to be stated in the application.

An extraordinarily muscular Indian has tive. made his appearance and exhibited several feats of his strength, such as bending a rod

On the afternoon of the 18th March a

Another fire occurred in the province of

Hongkong on the 4th Marth, for Manila, of the same. When an emigrant was once struck on the shoal Palanig, on the coast of out of the Colony, he was without protec-Zambales.

Manila, like some ports of America, is beginning to feel the influx of Chinese immi- | tion. The Diario says:-"By three steamers expected from Hongkong, more than one thousand Chinamen have taken passage to Manila."

¡Se pensará talvez la chinaria que hay aqui pocos chinos todavia!

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council took place this afternoon (27th). There were present i-

His Excellency Sir Arthur Kennedy. The Chief Justice, Sir John Smale. The Colonial Secretary, the Hon. J. G.

Austin. The Attorney General, the Hon. John Bramston.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer, the Hon. U. May. The Hon. P. Ryrie.

The Hon, H. Lowcock. The Hon, W. Keswick.

The minutes of the last meeting were

read and confirmed. CHINESE PASSENGER SHIPS ORDINANCE. Itis Excellency said the first business to be transacted was the second reading of the ordinance to amend the law relating to Chinese passenger ships and the conveyance of Chinese emigrants. He had no doubt the draft ordinance had been carefully read by the members of the Council, and he proposed, if it met their views, that on this occasion, after carefully reading and consileri g the bill, they should suspend the Standing Orders, for the purpose of reading it a third time and passing it. He might state that his object in offering this suggestion was that, day by day, he found there was greater necessity for some such powers as the bill conferred being located in some one. It was the object of the bill to afford facilities for the carrying on legitimate business in ships properly qualified to carry passengers, and on the other hand the bill conferred ample powers on them to stop any attempts to carry on coolie emigration in the way in which it had been carried on. He had no great desire to possess the powers it was proposed in the bill he should receive, but at the same time he thought it was absolutely necessary that such powers should be invested in somebody, so that they might keep their hands clear of a kind of emigration of which they strongly disapproved. If the Council desired to have a formal third reading of the bill he had no objections to t at course other than he had pointed out. They would observe that there was a suspending clause to the Bill. He moved the second reading of the Ordinance.

The Hon. J. G. Austin seconded the motion, which was carried without dissent The Council then went into Committee on the bill.

In section 2, there was a blank left for the Council to determine what should be the amount of fee to be charged for a

The Attorney General suggested that it passed. should be \$100. The Governor in Council The French Ironalad Corvette, Montealm, of course had powers to exempt any vessels Captain Lespés, we learn, will remain for a from that fee provided free emigrants were week or ten days more. The L'Atalante is carried. This would also apply to vessels expected from France in 10 or 11 days' time | carrying first class Chinese passengers, and for mail steamers he would propose a The German steamer Bellona, Captain general license for which a small fee should

Discussion then turned on the duration of the license. His Excellency said the fee would hold

good until the license was cancelled or revokéd The Hon P. Byrie said it would save trouble if the license were a general one. The Attorney General proposed that there should be a uniform fee for all, as might be decided by the Governor.

license which should hold good until can-Discussion here ensued as to whether the

license should not be made renewable once The Hon. H. Lowcock thou ht \$10 license would be too much as a vessel mi ht make use of the license for a month or two. He thought \$5 was all that was required. The Hon. J. G. Austin thought the

license should be made for an unspecified period and that the fee should be \$10 each. His Excellency considered it would be more economical for steamers like the P. & O, Company, the Pacific Mail and the other mail companies to have a general license at \$10 than an annual one at \$5

A member asked if every mail steamer was bound to have a license. His Excellency replied in the affirmative. Every mail ateamer came under the provi-

sions of this ordinance. The Hon: P. Hyris quite approved of a general license without a limit of duration being apecified. After some further consideration it was

decided that the literat should be for an unspecified period and the ice at \$5. Section 4 next formed the subject of discussion. It sutborises the Governor to allow labourers and activates to be engaged

suggestion of establishing a mint in China, sumptive to the baronetoy. He passed his the reception of the victorious troops engaged for persons in British possessions. His share or shares, from which the share of Penang 17th, and Singapore 20th instant, Excellency said it required the careful con- reduced amount is derived. sideration of the Council, and the Hon. the of the Independent de Saigon in favour of Attorney General might have some remarks amount of the shares into which the Capital

> The Hon. the Attorney General said the copy of the Memorandum of Association object of this section was set out in the issued after the passing of any such special The following are the results of the Manila statement of objects and reasons. Some resolution, shall be in accordance with such time, last year, Chinese servants were resolution, and if the Company make default wanted in the Australian Colonies, but as in complying with the provisions of this the Chinese would not go except under section, it shall incur a penalty not exceding contracts and as they could only be carried five dollars for each copy in respect of which down by mail steamers, which were pro- such default is made, and every Director, hibited from carrying emigrants who were | Manager and Secretary of the Company who under contracts, this section proposed to meet the object in view. Such a want was such default shall incur the like penalty. not confined to Australia or to other British occurred in the Cape Colony. To provide against any danger, the person engaging must furnish the Governor with the num-La Copa Celestial; Pandan, La Copa de ber'of the men he wanted and the name of the master for whom he was engaging. The Hon. H. Lowcock asked if the name

of the steamer in which the men were to The Attorney General replied in the nega-

the fact of artisans such as carpenters, &c., and discussed. He reserved to himself, de Lesseps for a progressive reduction of addition of the word artisan. This was agreed to.

importance of the law. but he would propose one condition to be added, viz., that Panpanga, which reduced to ashes about 100 an original copy of the contract should be discussion, as it was the first reading which increasing the number of Directors to 24, deposited with the Colonial Secretary, so | he now proposed, but he hoped that when | so as to admit of the three English Directors The American barque Metis, which left that the emigrant could sue for any breach tion, and the Chief Justice thought such a clause should be added to give him protec-

dinance applied to emigration to British possessions alone.

the em grant was out of the Colony, he was without protection.

The Hon. P. Ryrle observed that the hirer was as eager to keep the contract as the hired, otherwise the emigrant could not have been imported.

The Chief Justice said then his suggestion would be more for the protection of the master than for the servant, but he thought that protection was necessary. He quite agreed with the principle that there should be Chinese emigration.

The Governor asked if he was to undercontract left with the Government.

The Hon, the Attorney General said there would be no difficulty in meeting the proposition.

The tion, Mr Austin said what he understood from the Chief Justice's remark was that the contract should be in triplicate. one kept by the emigrant, one by the master and one lodged with the Government. His Excellency said the Attorney Goneral could draft a new Section, embodying

the auggestion of the Chief Justice. The Hon. P. Ryrie said the only objection to the suggestion was that it might cost more to have an additional signature made. The extra sum of a dollar or two would be something to the emigrant, and he understood that a fee was charged for a signature

on the contract. The Hon. Mr Austin remarked that it would not entail any additional cost. They had only to say that the contracts should be in duplicate or triplicate.

A new Section was then drafted, providing that the Government copy be lodged | Bill must come on for a second readwith the Emigration Officer. The consideration of other sections was then proceeded with.

Upon section 5. The Hon. W. Keswick suggested that the words "first class" instead of "first cabin" should be introduced. The suggestion was adopted, and the

other sections in the Bill having been His Excellency moved the suspension of the Standing Orders, and that the Bill be

read a third time. This motion being agreed to, the Bill was read a third time and passed.

THE REGISTRAE GENERAL'S JUDICIAL FUNCTIONS.

His Excellency said that to save time | They went to the door of the Pacific Mail | Shanghai, O days' sight, ... 784 and the necessity for another meeting of the Council he would move that the Stand-

to be read a third time. The motion having been agreed to the Bill was accordingly read a third time and

THE CHINESE TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY. His Excellency said he had now to propose the first reading of a Bill to authorise

the China Traders' Insurance Company to sub-divide its shares. The clerk read the Bill as follows :---

Whereas "The China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited" is a Public Company | the 29th instduly Incorporated and Limited by shares under the provisions of the "The Companies" Ordinance, 1863," and whereas the Memorandum of Association of the said Company provides that the Capital of the Company is one million of dollars divided into two hundred shares of five thousand dollars each, and whereas the whole of the said shares have been issued and the sum of fifteen hundred dollars has been paid up on each found that shares of five thousand dollars where he got it. Remanded till the 29th. each are too large for the advantageous management of the affairs of the Company, and the Company is therefore desirous of A fisherman was charged with cutting a sub-dividing the existing shares into shares tree at Stanley. The ground on which the of smaller amount, and whereas the said tree was growing belonged to the War-Be-Company in order to effectuate its desire has partment. There had been a general order applied to the Governor to confer upon it the about arresting people outting trees on necessary powers therefor by means of this Crown Land, and as this occurred on Mi-Ordinance, and whereas the said Governor litary ground, a telegram was sent to the has consented so to do ution the terms and donditions hereinafter contained; Be it therefore enacted by the Governor of Hong. ground or not, and the reply was in the afkong, with the advice of the Legislative firmative. Fined \$5, the defendant stating Council thereof, as follows:--

I. In the interpretation of this Ordinance, front of his house. the expression "The Company" shall mean "The China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited."

contained in its Memorandum of Association so as by sub-division of its shares or any of the same offence. He was moreover warned them to divide its Capital or any part that if he had not been a very old man, he thereof into shares of any amount not less than one-third of the amount fixed by the Memorandum of Association, provided that in the sub-division of the existing shares, the proportion between the amount which is paid, and the amount which is unpaid on each share of reduced amount shall be the same as it was in the case of the existing Coleman, from Bombay 7th, Galle 12th,

III. The Statement of the number and of the Company is divided contained in every knowingly or wilfully authorises or permits

IV. This Ordinance shall come into force on such day as shall be hereafter fixed by proclamation under the hand of the

His Excellency said that this subject had very recently been before the Council. Since then representations had been made to him that the law as it at present stood grant of an extra penny per diem. inflicted a hardship on the Company who now sought to be relieved, and what he had done in the matter was to state that he would introduce a Bill simply for the The Hon. P. Ryrie called attention to purpose of getting the matter ventilated The Chief Justice quite acceded to the for or against it, and, of course, other members would do the same thing. Upon ch the Council again met, and the second being placed on the Board. reading came on, that honourable members that they might be able to go to the points at once, and not waste time in any un- have been ordered. necessary discussion upon it. It was a very Bill as now introduced some of the objections made to the former Bill did not that the Bill be read a first time.

The Hon. Chief Justice said that in and will probably go home by a mail str. England a Bill was often read a first time and thrown out, and he wished, therefore, to make a few remarks in regard to this proposed Ordinance on the present occasion. His Excellency said the Bill could not

now he discussed. The Hon. Chief Justice said he did not rise to discuss the Bill. So far as he could Court, &c., will be present to receive the desirable one, but as this Bill had become as he understood legislation in England, "the said Company has found that shares | train for Bombay. of five thousand dollars each are too large for the advantageous management of the Political Resident at Bagdad, telegraphs to think was that there were, he was bound to say, clauses in the Bill-the able Bill he lingly been communicated to the Sanitary might say-introduced by the Attorney General to which he felt it his duty to object. If he thought a general bill was better than this Bill-

His Excellency said he was sure the Chief Justice would raise a discussion. The Hon. Chief Justice said he had

known many bills thrown out in England on the first reading. The Hon. Colonial Secretary having explained that by the Standing Orders the ing, and, that no discussion could now take

place upon it,-The Hon. Chief Justice resumed his seat. observing that he had no objection to the Bill as it stood, but he wanted something

The Bill then passed the first reading. This concluded the business, and the Council adjourned sine die.

#### Police Intelligence. (Both Magistrates sitting.) March 27th, 1876.

SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS Three Chinamen were charged with being | Bank, 6 months' sight, ... 3/10 The Bill for divesting the Registrar suspicious characters. P. C. Yu Ahee stated Credit, 6 months' sight, ... 3/102 General of his judicial functions was read a that on the mornings of Thursday and On Calcutta, Bank demand, ... R 221 a 222 second time, and passed through Com- Friday last, he saw three men coming out ,, Bombay, demand, from a lane near the Pacific Mail wharf. ... Shanghai, demand, premises and looked about. They had no lantern nor passes. This was about 4.30 ing Orders he suspended to enable the Bill a.m. It was dark and the gun had not Mexicans.... fired. Yesterday morning he saw men come Gold Leaf. out of the same lane and go towards the English Sovereigns. compound. The gate of the compound was Australian Sovereigns, ... open, and they went in. The Constable Discount, ... ... errested the first. He had gone to the Wing. Lok Street side of the premises, and was on the point of going into the street. The Hongkong Bank, par. second defendant was crouching down in the compound, while the third was in the compound. There were wood and iron in the compound. The Constable then called out and two clerks came. Remanded till

DISPLACED FORK

Chan Akwai, coolie, was charged with having in his possession a dead pig. He was carrying it in a basket when he was called upon by P. C. Wan Cho Cheung to open the basket, which was then found to contain the | Shanghal Steam N. Co., Tla. 721 parease of a diseased pig. There was another man in his company, but he managed to Chinese Imperial Loan, £106 escape. The defendant said he was called share, and whereas the said Company has by a boy to carry the pig; he did not know

> Central Station, asking whether the general order received included offences on military that he wished to transplant the tree in

Wong Ayow was fined \$2 and to be exposed in the stocks for one hour at the Wanchai Gap, for outting up the roots of some II. It shall be lawful for the Company by shrubs at East Point. The defendant said special resolution to modify the conditions he wanted them for medicinal purposes. Another man was similarly dealt with for would have been flogged?

bringing on the English mail of the 18th ultimo, arrived here yesterday morning. We take the following late telegrams

from the Indi n Statesman:-London, 22nd Feb.—The Marquis of Salisbury receiving yesterday a deputation for the suppression of trade in opium, depled that the present action of Her Majesty's Government stiumlated the traffic in any way, and he would therefore not be able to hold out any hope of legislation on the subject

London, Mar. 3 .- Mr Gathorne Hardy Secretary of State for War, in moving for the Army Estimates last night, explained to the House the proposals that had been made to improve the condition of the soldiers. They comprise a grant of twopence per diem deferred pay to Privates Sergeant-Majora to have an immediate increase of sixpence; Sergeants of twopence; whilst to Corporals the proposition is the Paris, Mar. 2.—Don Carlos having been forbidden to remain in the South of France,

is coming to England. Cairo, Feb. 22.—A convention has been signed by Colonel Stokes, R.E., and Baron the Bill at its second reading, his opinion | ton; the arrangement is to spread over a as to the Bill, and the question of acting period of eight years, the Canal Company agreeing to spend a yearly sum of oue million france in improvements. The the present occasion there would be no Statutes of the Company have been altered

Washington, Mar. 4.-The Belknap would have fully considered the matter so scandal is causing a great sensation. Oriminal proceedings against Mr Belknap

Allahabad, Mar. 2.—Sir Salar Jung has The Governor pointed out that this Or. simple affair, and he thought that to the chartered a Rubattino steamer to convey him to Europe. He calls at Naples. Lahors, March 2nd .- Canon Duckworth The Chief Justice said that the moment apply, and need not be raised. He moved is seriously, but not dangerously, ill. He cannot be moved in time to join the Scrapit,

The disease shows symptoms of typhoid. March 5 .- Uanon Duckworth is impro ving. Sir Bartle Frere and Dr. Fayrer left last night.

Allahabad, March 6,-The Vicetoy the Lieutenant-Governor, N.-W. Provinces, Lord Napier, the Judges of the High see, and he had before expressed his Prince of Wales on his arrival at the railopinion, that the object of this Bill was a | way station platform. Allahabad. at 10 A.M., to-morrow. After receiving the adstand that there should be one copy of the a private one there would be a necessity, dress from the Municipality the Royal party will proceed to Government-house. that the parties asking for relief should At I P.M., the Prince will hold an Installaprove the particular grievances alleged in tion of the Chapter of the Star of India. the recital. It is stated in the Bill that At 11 P.M. H. R. H. leaves by special

Bombay, March 6 .- Colonel Nixon, the affairs of the Company and the Company is | the Government of Bombay under date 2hd therefore desirous of sub-dividing the exist- instant :- "Agency Surgeon reports that ing shares into shares of smaller amount." plague has broken dut on the Euphrates He did not go into that, but what he did it would be well to watch vessels entering barbours in India." The fact has accordommissioner, the Municipal Commissioner, the Health Officer of the Port, and the Marine Department, with a request that they will take such steps as may be advisable to prevent infected vessels enter-

ing the Port. Quotations. Hongkons, March 27, 1876. PIUM.—New Patna, cash... 615 credit, 620 Old Fatna, cash .... ---New Benares, cash, 590 credit. 595 Old Benares, cash, čredit. -New Malwa, cash, 580 credit, 585 Allowance Taels, 28 a 44 Old Malwa, cash, 585 oredit, 590 Allowance Taels, 10 a 24 CAMPHOR, ... ... ... 141 a 142 QUICKSILVER, ... 94 SALTPETRE. ... ... 44 a 54

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Leg,

Liver,

Piga' Chitlings,

Head

Heart

, Corned,

.. Fat or Lard.

Heart,

. Poultry.

. Catty

Kidneys,

Sucking Pigs,

Capons,

Ducke,

Deer, small

Eggs, Hen

" Duck

Salt

Bombay Ducks

Codfish, salt

Congor Eels,

Cuttle Fish.

Gudgeon.

Gurnet.

Pomfret,

Prawns.

Roach,

Rock Fish,

Salt Fish,

Bhrimps,

Snappor

Soles, Fresh

Turtles, Small

White-balt,

Best root,

Skato,

Tench,

Salmon, Canton,

Pickled,

Vegetables.

red for pickling

Common,

Balt

White, Canton catty

catty

each

catty

Asparagus, Grandinating

Bamboo Shoots, young catty

Beans, sprout,

Cabbage, Macao,

Carrots, fresh

Cauliflower.

Celery, Chinese,

Chilles, Dried,

Custimbers,

Herrings, small

Fresh Fish, Large

Bream,

Carp,

Crabs,

Pheasants, Canton, live pair

Fish.

per hundred

Dried

Pork, Chop,

Leg,

Kidneys,

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Water Lily Roots, Water Cress, Shoulder, 110 Yams . catty

120 110 Aleurites, 100 Apples, Dried Bananas, fragrant Punti, catty Chesnuts, 180 Coccanuts Currants, 110 | Dates. 820 Figs. Dried. Sheeps' Head, and Feet, set

60 Ground Nuts. ... catty Oranges, Sweet Sunwoey ... Mandarin , Nutmeg, Lichees, Dried, 120 Lemons, 200 Loong Ngan, Dried,

Loquats. Mangosteens. Melons, Chinese Pears, Chefoo, catty Pine-apples, Puntl Plantains, common. 150 140 Prones, Dried.

bottle 70 Pumeloes, Canton each Raisins, Muscatel, bottle 180 l 500 | Sugar Cane, 400 350 Tamarinds. catty Walnuts, new

Water Chestnuts. Miscellaneous. 100 110 100 Allapice, bottle Bran. Butter. Candled Orange Peel, . bottle

Charcoal 1100 1000 130 120 120 100 Dutch. 250 200 Cinnamon. Catty 130 110 160 150 Cloves, 270 250 200 150 Cocoanut Oil

Coffee, Curry Powder. bottle Firewood. 2750 2500 picul Isinglass, Lamp Oil, Macaroni.

Mace.

120

Mango Chutney Mustard. Nutmegs, Paddy, Pearl Barley, Pepper (whole) catty pottle

270 220 -250 (ground) 120 110 CATT

Sugar, China,

, box English Vinegar, English

Preserved Meats, Fish and Vegetables, &c. Assorted Meats, in tins, lb.

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